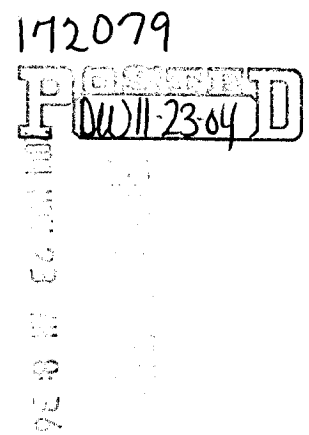
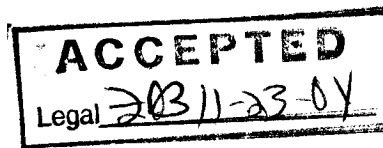


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RE: Application of Utilities USA, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Provide Prepaid Local Exchange Services Within the
State of South Carolina
Docket No. 2004-234-C, Our File No. 927-10265

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Utilities USA, Inc., I am hereby withdrawing the company's application in the above-referenced Docket without prejudice. I have discussed this matter with the Commission Staff and am informed and believe Staff does not object. Should the Commission's approval be necessary for withdrawal, the company requests such approval.

Accordingly, I request that the hearing scheduled for this afternoon be cancelled.

Please let me know if any additional matters must be attended to at this time.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

John J. Pringle, Jr.

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cc: Ms. Judy Matthews (via electronic mail)

Mr. Oscar Nodarse (via first-class mail service)

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